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Industries

Admission and training of apprentices in the Kerala Soap Factory.

* 354 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to place before the Council—

(i) the rules laying down the conditions under which apprentices are admitted and trained in the Kerala Soap Factory and other Government industries in the Presidency ; and

(ii) a statement of the number and names with religion, caste and qualifications of all apprentices admitted and trained in the several Government industries during the years 1927–28, 1928–29 and 1929–30, also showing how the passed apprentices are employed ?

A.—(i) The rules laying down the conditions under which apprentices are admitted and trained in the Kerala Soap Institute and the Government Industrial Institute (Ink Factory), Madras, ar appended.[a] It may be mentioned that manufacture of writing inks at the Government Industrial Institute has since been stopped. As regards the Kerala Soap Institute, attention of the hon. Member is also invited to the answer to question No. 1341 given on 1st February 1929. No rules have been framed for the admission of apprentices for training in the Research station at Tanur and in the Government Cannery at Chaliyam.

(ii) A statement in respect of the Kerala Soap Institute and the Government Industrial Institute (Ink Factory), Madras, is appended.[a] No apprentices were trained in the Cannery during 1927–28 or in subsequent years as it has not been working during that period. As regards the Research station at Tanur, one Mr. K. C. Kesava Pillai of Travancore State service underwent training for three months in 1927–28. He is a non-Brahman caste Hindu. There is no information about his qualifications or his present employment, but it is presumed that he is still employed in Travancore Government service. No one came forward for training in 1928–29. For 1929–30 it is reported that a candidate has been deputed by the Government of Bihar and Orissa for training and that he is expected to arrive shortly.

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" May I know the reason why no rules have been framed for the training of apprentices in the Research station at Tanur ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" I don't know."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know whether there is any provision for the exemption of poor students from payment of the fees ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" I don't know."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know, Sir, if the hon. the Minister will consider the matter ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" Yes, Sir, I shall consider the matter."

[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 675–677 infra.